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DATE: JULY 4, 1974

SUBJECT: HAILE SELASSIE AGREES TO DEMANDS OF MILITARY

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THE ETHIOPIAN SITUATION HAS BEGUN TO STABILIZE WITH EMPEROR HAILE SELASSIE'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE DEMANDS OF THE MILITARY ELEMENTS THAT SUPPORT POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE. THE AGREEMENT REACHED YESTERDAY, AFTER MEETINGS BETWEEN THE EMPEROR AND MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES, FORMALLY RECOGNIZES THE MILITARY AS THE ULTIMATE ARBITER OF FUTURE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS. THE ENDALKATCHEW GOVERNMENT REMAINS INTACT, BUT THE MILITARY HAS GAINED THE RIGHT TO CLOSELY SUPERVISE THE CABINET'S ACTIVITIES.

2 THE AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR:

1 --AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS,

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--AMNESTY FOR ALL POLITICAL EXILES WHO LEFT THE COUNTRY
BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES WITH THE EMPEROR.

--THE SPEEDY INTRODUCTION OF A REVISED CONSTITUTION,
KEEPING PARLIAMENT IN SESSION SO IT CAN CONSIDER ONE
CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.

--CONTINUING CLOSE COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT
AND THE MILITARY.

THE EMPEROR ALSO AGREED TO THE APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL
AMAN MIKAEL ANDON AS NEW CHIEF OF STAFF. AMAN WAS TRANSFERRED
TO THE SENATE ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO FOR ADVOCATING POLITICAL
CHANGE. HIS APPOINTMENT INDICATES FURTHER EROSION OF THE IN-
FLUENCE OF OLD GUARD SENIOR OFFICERS.

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